proven competitiveness and future productivity gains.

India's share in world trade has risen from 0.4 per cent in 1980 to around 0.6 per cent in 1993.

निर्यात संबंधी ब्यौरा

789. **श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिंदे** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पूरे एक वर्ष के दौरान किए गए निर्यातों का माहवार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस वर्ष निर्यातों का रुख देखते हुए ऐसा लगता है कि इस वर्ष के लिए निर्धारित निर्यात-लक्ष्य पूरे नहीं होंगे ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण है ; और

(घ) सरकार निर्यातों में वृद्धि करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान निर्यातों के माहवार ब्यौरे नीचे दिए गए हैं :—

	करोड़ रु०	मिलि० अमरीकी डालर
अप्रैल	5528	1766
मई	5242	1673
जून	5147	1639
जुलाई	5431	1731
अगस्त	5306	1691
सितम्बर	5053	1611
अक्तूबर	5435	1732
नवम्बर	5278	1683
दिसम्बर	5566	1774
जनवरी	6341	2021
फरवरी	6259	1995
मार्च	7008	2234

अनंतिम अनुमान ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(घ) निर्यात संवर्धन एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है। यह केन्द्र तथा राज्यों के बीच एक सामूहिक प्रयास है और व्यापार तथा उद्योग से परामर्श करके एक मिश्रवत-निर्यात नीति माहौल प्रदान करने के उपाय किए जाते हैं। राज्यों से और अधिक सहयोग मांगा जा रहा है और सरकार ने इस उद्देश्य के लिए निर्यात संवर्धन पार्क (ई०पी०आई० पी०) नामक एक स्कीम बनाई है।

Report in spices board and export of spices

790. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of the Sub-Committee on the spices board and export of spices;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee have made some recommendations;

(d) if so, details thereof;

(e) whether government propose to take some steps to implement these recommendations; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (f) The report of the Parliamentary Committee on spices has been received by the Government recently. The Committee has made several recommendations for strengthening research and development activities on spices for meeting quality, production and productivity, and for further strengthening the exports. The Committee has also made recommendations for achieving better coordination between various Minis-

tries and organisations of the Government. The recommendations of the Committee are being processed in consultation with the various Ministries, Departments, Planning Commission and the Spices Board.

Containing Tobacco Farming

791. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approximately 60 lakh farmers and labourers are engaged in tobacco farming in the country, at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to discourage the cultivation of tobacco in the country whereas its exports earning is over Rs. 500 crores for the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a great scope for increasing its exports by growing more Virginia and Burleys tobacco; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) As per Tobocca Board's estimates about 50 lakh farmers and labourers are engaged in tobacco farming.

(b) Tobacco Board regulates the production of only FCV tobacco. The crop size of FCV tobacco is fixed after taking into account domestic requirements and the international demand and supply scenario.

(c) In view of the large carry-over stock world wide the scope of significant increase in export of tobacco in the current year (does not appear likely) is limited.

(d) Tobacco Board has been adopting the following measures for export promotion:—

1. Standing trade delegations to various select markets.

2. Participation in International Exhibitions.

3. Aggressive publicity in overseas markets.

4. Pursuing issues of exports of Indian tobacco and tobacco products with Governments of importing countries through Joint Committee Meetings.

5. Undertaking packaging developments for products like Bidi, Hookah Tobacco Paste with the help of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade.

6. Development of high quality tobaccos.

Impact of Gatt on Commerce

792. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the exact impact on commerce after the signing of GATT agreement;

(b) whether the impact is encouraging or discouraging;

(c) what steps Government intend to take for boosting commerce; and

(d) what is the percentage of commerce prior to GATT and after entering into GATT agreement?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) Estimates made by the World Bank, OECD and the GATT Secretariat, show that the implementation of the Uruguay Round Agreement would add between US $ 213 and US $ 274 billion annually to the world income. The GATT Secretariat's estimate of the overall trade impact is that the level of merchandise trade in goods would be higher by US $745 billion in the year 2005 than it otherwise would have been.